

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services - Revenue Department - Smt.K.Nirmala Devi, former Tahsildar, Bollapalli Mandal now retired - Departmental Proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges framed - Inquiry conducted Inquiry - explanation submitted - Imposed punishment of 50% cut in pension permanently against Smt.K.Nirmala Devi, former Tahsildar, Bollapalli Mandal now retired - orders issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III.2) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms. No.62

Dated: 05-02-2016

Read the following:-

- 1) From CCLA Ir No 1315/2011-A4 dated 15.10.2014 along with the Collector, Guntur District Rc.No.1315/2011-A4, Dt.15.10.2014.
- 2) Govt Memo No 453/Vig.III.2/2015 dated 22.05.2015.
- 3) Explanation of Smt. N.Nirmala Devi Tahsildar (Retd) dated:7/2015.
- 4) From the Principal Secretary, APPSC Lr.No.924/DC&C/2/2015, dated 21.12.2015.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration has informed that the Collector, Guntur District has reported that Smt.K.Nirmala Devi, Tahsildar (Retired), committed certain irregularities while she worked as Tahsildar, Bollapalli Mandal by effecting registrations in Block No.54 of Gummanampadu Village, knowing fully well that it is an Inam Village and settlement has not been done. The Collector, Guntur have framed the following charges against Smt.K.Nirmala Devi, formerly Tahsildar Bollapalli Mandal,

**Charge No.1:** Issued a certificate vide Rc.No.18/2010 dt.9.6.2010 that Sy.No.54 measuring Ac.1144.85 cents of Gummanampadu village which is noted as Agraharam land as per records to Sri Chirumamilla Rama Krishna Prasad, S/o late Bhanu Prasad as pattadar in Adangal for Fasli 1417.

**Charge No 2:** She has addressed letter to Sub-register Vinukonda on 04.09.2010 intimating that Gummanampadu village is an Agraharam and no re-survey was done and that no new or old survey numbers are assigned and only block numbers are assigned and also there is no list of Government lands and assigned lands in the village, violating the provisions of Inams Abolition Act and enabling the registration of the land prohibited from registration till settlement.

**Charge No 3:** She has colluded with Sri D. Hanumantha Rao, Sub Registrar, Vinukonda in effecting registrations in Block No.54 of Gummanampadu village knowingly that it is an Inam village and settlement of Ryotwari pattas are to decided only after detailed enquiry and also after application of provisions of APLR (COAH) Act, 1973 thus she violated Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

2. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration has also reported that the charged Officer has submitted her explanation. After examining the same, the Special Officer & Competent Authority, Urban Land Ceilings, Guntur was appointed as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against her. In reply, the Charged Officer has submitted her explanation and requested to drop further action in the matter. Meanwhile, Smt. K. Nirmala Devi, Tahsildar retired from service on 31.07.2011 on attaining the age of superannuation, therefore, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration has requested the Government to take further action against her under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules 1980.

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3. The Inquiring Authority has submitted his enquiry report stating that in respect of charge No. 1, the retired Tahsildar had issued a certificate vide Rc.No.18/2010, dated: 09.06.2010 in Survey No.54 of Gummanampadu village as per Revenue Records to Sri Chirumamilla Ramakrishna Prasad as pattadar in Adangal for fasli 1417. She has given certificate on 09.06.2010 to the unsurveyed Inam Land. Knowingly that it is Inam Land, she has given certificate to Sri Chirumamilla Ramakrishna Prasad on the pretext to have been noted as pattadar, in Adangal 1417 Fasali, besides stating that S.No.54 as extent of Ac.1144.85 cts., of Gummanampadu village i.e. Agraharam Village as per records which is incompatible with each other. In her explanation she falsely stated that there is no willful intention ongoing in issue of Adangal extract in the matter. In fact she has not given Adangal extract as falsely stated by her. She has given a certificate to have been noted as pattadar to Ch. Ramakrishna Prasad, but not copy of adangal. This is not only gross irregularity, but also cheating. Hence the charge is proved.

4. In respect of Charge No.2 the Enquiry Officer has reported that she has given an endorsement in L.Dis.No.327/2010, dt. 04.09.2010 to the Sub-Registrar, Vinukonda she has not submitted the copy of L.Dis. dt. 04.09.2010 for perusal, during enquiry. The Lr. Dis. dt. 04.09.2010 is not available in the office of Tahsildar, Bollapalli also as per letter Rc.No.159/2012, dt. 19.05.2012 of Tahsildar, Bollapalli addressed to this office. Further she stated in her explanation that on the requisition of S.R.O., Vinukonda only the list of Poramboke lands and other information was furnished to him, but failed to produce the requisition of S.R.O., Vinukonda, and the copy of the letter which she has written to S.R.O., Vinukonda for perusal of enquiry officer, dt. 04.09.2010. Whereas the articles of charge reveals to have been stated in her L.Dis.327/2010-B, dt. 04.09.2010 that there is no list of Govt. lands and assigned lands in the village. Further she stated in her explanation that she has issued endorsement to the S.R.O., Vinukonda informing to stop any type of registration in S.Nos.54 & 44 of Gummanampadu village to that extent she submitted copy of her letter Rc.No.31/2011-B, dt. 10.01.2011.

5. This endorsement dt. 10.01.2011 given after a lapse of 4 months to the earlier endorsement, dt. 04.09.2010. Moreover, on perusal of her latest endorsement Rc.No. 31/2011-B, dt. 10.01.2011 stated by her to have been given to stop the registrations, it is noticed in the reference of the letter "instructions of the District Collector & Magistrate". Hence, this ascertains that she has given endorsement, dt. 10.01.2011 to stop the registrations in Gummanampadu village only on the instructions of the District Collector but not on her own as said by her. She tried to take shelter under guise of the letter Rc.No.31/2011-B, dated: 10.01.2011, which was given on the instructions of District Collector. In view of the above circumstances, she has violated rule-3 of APCS (conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence the charge is proved.

6. In respect of Charge No.3 the Enquiry Officer has reported that she has knowingly it is an Inam village and Ryotwari pattas are to be decided after detailed survey, as committed by her that survey teams are also formed on 15.09.2010 prior to that she has given certificate on 09.06.2010. She has submitted copy of letter, dt. 10.01.2011 for perusal of enquiry as evidence in her favour, whereas failed to produce L.Dis.No.327/2010, dt. 04.09.2010 and cause of letter i.e. letter of Sub-Registrar which required during enquiry. In fact this letter is not available in Bollapalli Tahsildars office also. This itself is the evidence that she has colluded with S.R.O., Vinukonda and him registration of Inam lands to which survey has not yet been done and she has given certificate as if it is Ryothwari Land knowingly it is an Inam Land and settlement of Ryotwari Pattas are to be decided only after detailed survey and also after application of provisions of APLR (COAH) Act, 1973. In these circumstances, it is concluded that former Tahsildar, Bollapalli violated the Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rule, 1964. Hence this charge is proved.

7. The Accused Officer has denied all the (3) charges framed against her in regard to charge No.1, She has stated that neither IB Register nor R.S.R. Records is available to the Gummanampadu (V) Bollapalli (M) Guntur District. Hence no question of verifying them arises, being a Tahsildar and being busy with other official duties she could not inspect the said land.

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8. In regard to charge No.2 she has stated that the Enquiry took place in the year 2012, the L.Dis are destroyed after one year. Since she could not produce the requisition letter submitted by the S.R.O. Vnukonda, without proper evidence, the Enquiry Officer duly putting the benefit of doubt has reported the charge has held proved. Further she has issued endorsement to the SRO Venukonda on 10.1.2011 informing to stop any type registration in S.Nos.54 & 44 of Gummanapadu village.

9. In regard to charge No.3 she has stated that the she has issued the extract of Adangal for Fasli, 1417 which was written and prepared prior to her joining as Tahsildar, Bollapalli only and the findings of the Enquiry Officer are not correct and the case is pending in the High Court in between Inamdars and the Collector Guntur.

10. Government, after careful examination of the findings of the Enquiry Officer report and the explanation of the Charged Officer duly following the due procedure, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 50% cut in pension permanently against Smt. K.Nirmala Devi, Tahsildar (Retired). Accordingly, show cause notice was issued to the Charged Officer for further representation in the matter vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above.

11. In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the charged officer has submitted her explanation to the show cause notice, on the same grounds earlier submitted and requested to drop charges framed against her and release the pension.

12. Government after careful examination and decided to confirm the provisional decision i.e to impose a penalty of 50% cut in pension permanently as the Charged Officer has not put forth any new grounds for consideration. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose Penalty of 50% cut in pension permanently against Smt. K.Nirmala Devi, Tahsildar (Retired) under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised pension Rules, 1980. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have also agreed the above punishment.

13. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JC SHARMA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
Smt.K.Nirmala Devi, former Tahsildar,  
Bollapalli Mandal now retired,  
(Through the Collector Guntur with a request to  
serve on the individual and submit the served copy)  
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration,  
AP, Hyderabad.  
The District Collector Guntur

Copy to :

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